

THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

Almighty Father, to Whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with Your will; and those good things which we dare not or, in our blindness, cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Redeemer, it is Your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single piece. Let the design of Your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to Your Church, peace to the nations, especially in the land of Your birth, give peace to the refugees of war, give peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. As You fed the children of Israel with Manna in the wilderness, so inspire us to feed and provide for those orphaned, widowed and made homeless by war. Nourish Your Church, we pray, with the sustaining bread of Your Word of love, in Scripture and in Sacrament, that we may be sustained and grow in faith, hope and love. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, by Whom the eternal song of the Triune God is heard in our hearts as You hover over the chaos of our souls, draw our hearts to You, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our stubborn and rebellious wills, so that we may be wholly Yours. Use us as You will, always to the welfare of God's people and the glory of the Father through Jesus Christ His Son. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy, Triune, life-giving and faithful God, we place before Your throne of grace all who are sick or in any need, especially *Dean, Earle, Jack & Jackie, Ruth, Theda, Alma, Tom, Vernard & Doris, Lucille, Judy, Donald and Gail*, as well as *Susan, Lauren, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, John, Chad*, and *Willis*. We beseech Your mercy *also* toward Your Church under persecution throughout the world, toward all who have died a violent or agonizing death this past week, and toward all of our sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies, especially *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael, Juan and Kevin*. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep, and give Your holy angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, rest the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

With reverence and affection we remember before You, O everlasting God, all our departed brothers and sisters in the faith and those whom we love and have lost whose faith is known to you alone. Keep us in union with them here, through faith and love toward You, that hereafter we may enter into Your presence and be numbered with those who serve You and look upon Your face in glory everlasting, through Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**